

**Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police  
Executive Board Meeting  
Winter Training Conference – The Classic Center  
Athens, Georgia  
February 5, 2017**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chief Billy Grogan.

President Billy Grogan asked Executive Director Rotondo to read the roll call.

**Roll Call**

President, Chief Billy Grogan  
1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph Wirthman  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker  
4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner  
Immediate Past President, Chief (ret) George N. Turner  
Chairman of District Reps., Director Dan Branch  
Executive Director, Frank V. Rotondo  
General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell  
*\*\*Indicates Board Member not in attendance*

Under the GACP Constitution and By-Laws, a quorum of Executive Board Members was in attendance.

**Others in Attendance:** Chief David Lyons, Garden City PD; Chief Bruce Carlisle, Lavonia PD; Chief Frank Waits, Vidalia PD; Chief (Ret) Armand Chapeau; Chief Mark Kissel, Cherokee Co. SO; Chief Jason Parker, Dalton PD; Chief Roy Brunson, Tunnel Hill PD; Chief James Callaway, Morrow PD; Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Rome PD; Chief Tony Bailey, West Point PD; Chief Mike Jones, Suwanee PD; Chief Rick Townsend, Adairsville PD; Asst. Chief Kevin Carter, West Point PD; Chief Billy Hancock, Ocilla PD; Chief Gary Yandura, Brookhaven PD; Chief Chris Wright, Blackshear PD; Chief Michael Persley, Albany PD; Chief Lou Dekmar, LaGrange PD.

**Presentation of Previous Minutes**

Executive Director Rotondo presented the minutes of the previous board meeting for review. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Financial Report**

Executive Director Rotondo distributed to all board members a copy of GACP's financial report dated December 31, 2016. **Motion made by Director Dan Branch and seconded by Chief Wesley Walker to accept the financial reports dated December 31, 2016 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Director's Report**

- Reintroduction of Account Manager Kevin Sifferlen of LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions
  - Mr. Sifferlen spoke briefly about the progress of law enforcement agencies in Georgia in remitting accident reports to the state database electronically. Mr. Sifferlen said that Georgia was one of the highest contributors throughout the nation in submitting accident reports in this manner.

- Life Membership – Ray Folsom, Camilla PD
  - Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for Chief Ray Folsom of Camilla PD, who will be retiring effective March 10, 2017. Executive Director Rotondo advised Chief Folsom qualifies for Life Membership. **Motion made by Director Dan Branch and seconded by Chief Tony Tanner to grant Life Membership to Ray Folsom effective March 10, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Life Membership – Gary George, Retired Chief of Alpharetta PD
  - Executive Director Rotondo requested the Board consider Life Membership for retired Chief Gary George of Alpharetta PD. Chief George qualifies for Life Membership. **Motion made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Warden Dennis Nelson to grant Life Membership to Gary George. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Life Membership – Michael “Steve” Smith, Retired Marshal of Richmond County Marshal’s Office
  - Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for Marshal Michael “Steve” Smith of Richmond County Marshal’s Office. Marshal Smith’s membership in GACP was as an appointed official for many years. However, about a decade or so ago, the governing authority changed the Marshal’s position to an elected position of which he maintained until retirement. Regardless, Marshall Smith qualifies under the GACP Constitution for Life Membership as a special consideration. **Motion made by Warden Dennis Nelson and seconded by Director Dan Branch to grant Life Membership to Gary George. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Life Membership - Steve Land, Retired Chief of Hazlehurst PD
  - Executive Director Rotondo asked the Board to consider Life Membership for retired Chief Steve Land of Hazlehurst PD as he met the criteria for Life Membership. **Motion made by Chief Wesley Walker and seconded by Chief Joseph Wirthman to grant Life Membership to Steve Land. Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- GSA Law Enforcement Compensation Discussion
  - Chief Grogan spoke extensively about the Georgia Sheriff’s Association (GSA) Law Enforcement Compensation Resolution and presented documents which provided additional information about the feasibility of implementing some, if not all, of the points in the GSA Resolution. President Grogan also noted that he spoke with the president of the GSA and was advised that they do not have a legislative author interested in introducing a bill to support any of the points associated with the GSA Resolution. President Grogan indicated that he asked the Constitution/By-Laws/Resolutions Chairperson, Chief Mark Welsh of Elberton PD to draft a GACP Resolution titled Support of Reviewing Law Enforcement Salaries. President Grogan read the substance of that resolution for the attendees. Upon conclusion of the resolution reading **a motion was made by Chief Joseph Wirthman and seconded by Director Dan Branch to approve the GACP Resolution titled Support of Reviewing Law Enforcement Salaries** (copy of resolution attached)
  
- Update of Training (New Hours/2017)
  - Executive Director Rotondo told all the members in attendance that Directors Vance and Wigginton will be speaking before Wednesday’s training program about the new required training hours effective January 1, 2017.
  
- Amici Curiae Brief
  - Executive Director Rotondo spoke briefly about a request that the Executive Board support an Amici Curiae Brief associated with “transgender boys”. After a discussion involving all board members including the GACP attorney, **a motion was made by Chief Tony Tanner and**

**seconded by *Director Dan Branch* that GACP remain neutral on this issue and not support the Amici Curiae Brief. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Chief's Day at Capitol
  - Executive Director Rotondo indicated that Chief's Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 14, 2017 further information will be distributed to the members via email.
- Legislative Information
  - Executive Director Rotondo went over some points regarding introduced legislation. Some of the legislative areas that were highlighted during his presentation were HB146, SB45, SB15, SB90, SB42, HB116, and HB79.

### **President's Report**

- Appleseed Project
  - President Grogan spoke about an Appleseed project which basically involved GACP working closely with Appleseed group to repair the ties of society with professional law enforcement standards.
- Prostate Cancer Coalition
  - President Grogan spoke about the Prostate Cancer Coalition, a not for profit, and advised a representative will be speaking on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at general business meeting. The president went on further to state that the coalition has a proposal to allow all law enforcement officers to get free prostate exams.

### **Executive Board's Report**

- *1<sup>st</sup> VP, Warden Dennis Nelson*
  - Warden Nelson spoke about Reinhardt College developing a new Master's Degree program similar to but shall not compete with the Command College.
- *2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Chief Joseph W. Wirthman*
  - Nothing to Report
- *3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Chief Wesley Walker*
  - Chief Walker spoke further about Reinhardt's program also stating it was a very good program.
- *4<sup>th</sup> VP, Chief Tony Tanner*
  - Nothing to Report
- *Immediate Past President, Chief George N. Turner*
  - Nothing to Report
- *Chairman of District Representatives, Director Dan Branch*
  - Chairman of District Representatives Dan Branch wanted to thank all the District Reps who offered training especially, District 10. He indicated that District 10 has done a remarkable job in gathering members together to provide quality training.
- *General Counsel, Michael A. Caldwell*
  - Nothing to Report

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by *Warden Dennis Nelson* and seconded by *Director Dan Branch* to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**